

minority of 29-30! I consider
this a fine moral Spectacle - a
sort of modern Hartz Mountain
tale, with the moral attaching to
most of those thrilling narratives -
that - adventurers selling their souls
to the Devil, are always cheated by him
of their anticipated freedom. I hope
the "great expounder" will expound
this to his own edification, when
"rising with the lark" so cheerily.

Marry come up! I hate the
"platforms" of both parties, & despise
the subserviency of the northern
Politicians, but I despise treachery,
such as the Judas expounders, yet
more. So your (former!) friend
Palgrave has presided over a Free-soil
meeting at Cambridge - wonder if
you went to it? - No matter, I go
the Hale & Clay ticket, & as we have
no liquor law, I mean to drink ~~the~~
such luck to it, as it deserves, but
will not get, in something better than water!

Tuesday Morning - 2/6
N.Y.

My dear Gray,

"This comes hoping" that you are no
longer in a steam with your bail, for,
certainly, in this brailing weather, when
melted to a Jelly, one has other fish
to fry than attending to the like. So,
without sending you more of my
Sauce I quit the bank-on-table (!)
subject, hoping, that, as the fruit
of the whole matter (but a trifle,
after all,) you are now enjoying
your desert - exemption from all
real, with a moderate allowance
of Champagne.

So, having despatched the first
course, I proceed in course, to
dis-course of the second, viz.

I have just seen Briggs who
has an invoice of but one copy

I have only room to send very kind love to the
Misses, & hope to see you some time, if best, with you

of D.C. Prod. 13 p. 1. which he says is mine, being the continuation of the set he sold to me. But, he writes to day, per steamer, for your copy - & as he seemed annoyed that it was delayed, I told him that you should have mine, if you need it, before the arrival of the other copy. This you can signify in your next, & I will act as you may prefer in the matter - either forward it to you, or bind it for myself. Bridges leads me to expect that I shall have it immediately.

The *Carex gigantea* is your own. Do not give it away - or lose it, till you get more; but have it glued down, incontinently.

Your proposition as to Wright's plants

will indeed "do nicely" - & I shall probably find no self-denial necessary in returning what I do not buy, as it will apureedly be - because I have got them, already.

I have not a Scrap of *Dracopis* 4-angulata, to send you, as you might have remembered - for my ashes were strewn before you - & you gathered up, & confined what you saw fit of them - but if you write to Mead - Short - Engelman - & Sullivan you will be sure of sufficient specimens - and - "I cry halloo," when they come. I will, myself, write to Short, & you can attack the other 3 (or two, for I suppose that Sullivan is of no use now, what with the rainy wife - and - the Moser)

What do you think of the doings of the Whig Convention? & of your friend Judas, with his glories